

John Armstrong to Andrew Jackson, May 28, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

SECRETARY ARMSTRONG TO JACKSON.

War Department, May 28, 1814.

Sir, Since the date of my letter of the 24th Major General Harrison has resigned his Commission in the army and thus is created a vacancy in that grade, which I hasten to fill with your name. This circumstance does away the necessity of sending the Commission formerly contemplated.¹

¹ Jackson's pay as major-general was \$2400 a year, and he was allowed forage for seven horses and, for subsistence, fifteen rations. After 1815 Jackson commanded the Southern Department. As he spent most of the time at Nashville, making journeys of inspection through the South at regular times, it is probable that he made a considerable sum clear on subsistence and forage. Jackson was governor of Florida for six months in 1821. *The Acts of the Governor of Florida*, an opposition handbill, placed his pay at \$2400, subsistence \$1098, extra rations \$1098, and forage \$672; for servants' pay \$240, subsistence \$292.80, and clothing \$140; for quarters \$400, and fuel \$244. The total was \$6624.80. The regulations controlling the pay of officers are in the *Army Register*, issued annually, for this period, and they correspond in the main to the items taken from the handbill.

I am Sir, With great respect Your Obedient Servant